IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 5:20-CR-00084-KDB-SCR-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v. <u>ORDER</u>

MEGUEL GREYLEN ROBINSON,

Defendant.

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Defendant Meguel Greylen Robinson's motions for reevaluating his sentence on whether a departure pursuant to Amendment 829 was warranted because of his age when he committed prior offenses. (Doc. Nos. 36, 38). Having carefully reviewed the Defendant's motions and all other relevant portions of the record, the Court will deny the motions.

Defendant contends that the Sentencing Commission's recent amendment to U.S.S.G. §5H1.1 in Amendment 829 would affect his sentence. (Doc. Nos. 36 at 1, 38 at 1). Defendant was sentenced on July 29, 2021, and this Court considered all the characteristics of Defendant when tailoring a proper sentence under the Sentencing Commission's guidelines. Furthermore, Amendment 829 became effective on November 1, 2024, and is not retroactive. Additionally, the language in the amendment states "a downward departure also *may* be warranted due to the defendant's youthfulness at the time of the offense or prior offenses". It remains in the Court's discretion whether a departure is warranted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that Defendant's motions for reevaluating his sentence on whether a departure was warranted pursuant to Amendment 829 (Doc. Nos. 36, 38), are **DENIED.**

SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 22, 2024

Kenneth D. Bell

United States District Judge